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1. CHARAN SINGH, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE BHARATIYA LOK DAL (BLD), CALLED ON JAYA PRAKASH NARAYAN ON OCTOBER 13 AT THE JASLOK HOSPITAL IN BOMBAY, PRESUMABLY TO FINALIZE THE OPPOSITION UNITY PLANS.

2. LOCAL OPPOSITION SOURCES BELIEVE THAT CHARAN SINGH, WHO WAS INITIALLY OPPOSED TO OPPOSITION UNITY EFFORTS, HAS NOW AGREED TO JOIN A PROPOSED UNITED PARTY UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY JAYA PRAKASH NARAYAN. THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, THESE SOURCES STATED, INDICATE THAT MORARAJI DESAI WILL BE THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN AND CHARAN SINGH THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF A UNITED OPPOSITION PARTY.

3. THE SOURCES EXPECT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FORMATION OF
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THE PARTY, TO BE NAMED NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS, SHORTLY

SINCE THEY THINK THAT ALL THE DETAILS OF ITS FORMATION HAVE ALMOST BEEN FINALIZED. ACCORDING TO U.L. PATIL, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN MAHARASHTRA'S UPPER HOUSE AND THE NEWLY ELECTED ACTING NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE JANA SANGH, THE PARTY NOW FULLY FAVORS MERGER AND MOST PROBABLY JAYA PRAKASH NARAYAN WILL ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF THE NEW UNITED OPPOSITION PARTY EITHER IN NEW DELHI OR IN BOMBAY, DEPENDING ON WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL.

4. FYI: WE ARE POUCHING TWO RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE JANA SANGH IN NEW DELHI ON SEPTEMBER 26, ONE ON UNITY SUPPORTING THE UNCONDITIONAL MERGER OF THE SEPARATE IDENTITIES OF MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES INTO A SINGLE PARTY AND THE OTHER OPPOSITION THE 44TH CONSITUTION AMENDMENT BILL.
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